

## Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/637,188

**Applicant(s)**

AFSARI, FAROOK

**Examiner**

Mark Hageman

**Art Unit**

3653

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mark Hageman(3) Jonathan Owens(2) Patrick Mackey

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Date of Interview: 18 September 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-70.

Identification of prior art discussed: Christian, Genestie, and Eason.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The claims were discussed in view of the applied prior art. Specifically the connection of the sorters shown in figure 3 of applicants' disclosure was discussed relative to the connections set forth in the rejection. The idea of amending the claims to include the passing of some material from the first stage sorters directly to the third stage sorter without processing in the second stage sorter was discussed as a possible course of action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

  
PATRICK MACKEY  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER  
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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required